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The following lines are published at the request of a Lyceum, to which institution they were presented in LINES, SPOKEN BY MRS. DE VERE, ON THE ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS TO THE LYCEUM.

'Tis false our wishes cluster where the flowers are freshly bursting forth,
Or that we prove on the sweet's bough, thus wanton, the rose of the earth;
Not among their scented vines (how daughter, dearest, of Flora!)
Do we, however, this costume was nothing extraordinary, or indeed very different from the hundreds of antiquated men who about the town to be seen swaddling forth in fine silver a coat of thirteen green frogs back and a spring shoes. The gentleman in question visited the Cafe de Foy every precisely, at one o'clock, called for a cup of coffee with cream, and a roll of bread, which he dipped into the sugar basin of circular form. It was necessary, however, that this bread should be fresh, and with the coffee served in the old gentleman in this respect, a ruffle was carefully reserved from each day's consumption, and put aside for his breakfast the following morning. From this practice, the old gentleman was known among the different waiters by the epithet of 'The Man who always ate Stale Bread.'

The old gentleman's state of existence was so regular, and his movements so regular, as to regulate in no small degree those of an automaton. He entered the Cafe every morning, without looking to the right or the left, and proceeded directly to a little round table, isolated and inviting, situated in the corner of the room, and invariably abstracted two out of the five lumps of sugar which figured beside his cup, and put them into the dexter pocket of his green coat; he next proceeded to butter in succession, one after the other, the numerous morsels of bread, adjusting the napkin, and finally blowing the scattered crumbs from his vest, which, when he had made a mouthful sound among the waiters around him, who, in their turn, shrugged their shoulders, and, with a smile, pointed to their foreheads, as much as to say, 'Poor man! he is not quite right in his head.' Nothing can exceed the pity which the waiters felt for this poor old man, who, in their opinion, was a victim to the effects of a disordered mind. Some of them, who had been in the habit of frequently bestowing the well known Cafe de Foy on the Palais Royal, about the year 1815, was a soldier, very carefully dressed, although his dress was of the most antiquated description. He had developed a warm Welsh wig, with a long queue depending from it, which appeared, viewed from its hinder aspect, to resemble a green cabbage, with the stem still dangling at its extremities. His pantaloons were of a plaid, and were not unlikely down his stumpy left leg. Hence, he was enabled with the aid of a gold snuff box, ornamented with Sèvres, to place a pinch of snuff in his nostrils, and yet, at the same time, to keep his right arm at the extreme end of his coat, which, with some being full out, gave him an additional once, or two of importance. The waiters, in the mean time, pointed to the old man, who, in the midst of the whole body, with a smile of the large.

Dominic, the chief waiter of the establishment had become attached to the old man, in consequence of the little trouble he gave and his quiet and gentle demeanour. Dominic imagined, from the circumstance of his not diminishing the expense of his breakfast, that the good man was merely labouring under some temporary embarrassment so that, partly from calculation and partly from good feeling, Dominic determined to become responsible to the proprietor for the past and future breakfasts, and doubting that the embarrassment would shortly cease, and that the little giant would soon settle his arrears, and perhaps accompany the settlement with a gratuity for the accommodation.

But Dominic was deceived in his calculation of time; ten months elapsed without any allusion to the matter or offer of payment. The coffee-house keeper and his waiters began to shrug their shoulders and wear long faces at the risk poor Dominic was running. Dominic himself, expected to three daily doubts, began to think that he had acted illiberally in becoming responsible for a man whose debt seemed destined to go on accruing for ever; when, one day, the old man, without any explanation, demanded his account, settled it in full, and after a careful calculation, handed to the waiter, in addition, the sum of fifteen francs six sous, as his gratuity, at the rate of one sous a day for ten months, of which four contained each thirty-one days.

If interest alone had guided the conduct of the head waiter, it must be confessed that he had laboriously failed in the result; for in France the contributions to the waiters are all placed in one general cash-box, and at the end of a certain period the proceeds are divided among all the servants of the house, the master first helping himself to the lion's share; at this rate, Dominic's recompense would probably amount to a solitary sixpence. Dominic knew this, but was satisfied with the reward of his own heart; he thanked the old man graciously for the payment, placed the gratuity in the common receptacle, and transferred the other napkins to his own strongholds, for he had previously paid day by day the expense of the breakfast from his own pocket.

The little man followed Dominic's movements with his own eyes, at the same time leaning upon the table a much, somewhat longer and a little more vehement than was his wont; but by no word or movement did he afford an indication of having understood the liberal conduct of the waiter in his behalf.

About the close of the same year, that is to say, three or four months after the liquidation of this singular debt, the proprietor of the Cafe, who had realized a fortune, announced his intention of disposing of the establishment, and retiring from trade.

Hearing this intention announced in the Cafe, the old gentleman made a sign to Dominic, who was in attendance, to approach, and began a conversation. Dominic was as much surprised at this sudden fit of loquacity as though one of the stucco figures on the ceiling had opened its mouth, and asked for a cup of coffee. But Dominic was destined to be even more surprised at the nature of the communication.

'My friend,' said the old gentleman to the head waiter, 'you are a good fellow, and I wish you well.'

Dominic bowed, and elevated his shoulders with that slight movement which may be interpreted, *at his ease*, to mean 'I am much obliged, or it is of little consequence to me.' The old man took the former signification, and continued—

'Dominic, I am sure you have been economical; I know this, and much more of which I do not speak, because I am too well acquainted with the value of words to throw them away; I know you have saved money.'

Dominic bunded back a step or two, and the action hardly needed to be interpreted. 'He is about to ask me to lend him money, thought the head waiter.

The questioner appeared to divine the thoughts of the waiter; his visage was for an instant disorted with a grimace, of which the model may be seen in the figures of the middle ages which decorate the porch of some Gothic church.

'Dominic,' he continued, 'I see that I am right; you have money in the funds; this is excellent, and now reply to my question shortly and to the purpose. Do you think, from your own knowledge that an intelligent man, desirous of improving his circumstances, would find fine a favourable speculation in which to risk a capital as large as that demanded by your master for his business.'

Dominic was pleased to have an opportunity of talking on a subject which entirely occupied his thoughts. 'If,' said he, 'the purchaser understood the business, so as to be able to attend to his own interests, and if he was not compelled to borrow the purchase-money on extravagant terms, he would find the business a fortune.'

'Well, and why do you not purchase it?'

'Mercy, I! with what?'

'With your savings.'

'My savings! they do not amount to less than thousand francs.'

'Ten thousand francs! how long have you been in service, Dominic?'

'I have carried the napkin for twenty-three years—I am now thirty-nine.'

'You are a good fellow, as I said; the man who could amass ten thousand francs, by adding sous to sous, would soon be worth a million at the head of a house like this. Decidedly, it must be so. Dominic, I know a person who could assist you with a loan; how much do you want?'

'Nothing. I would not figure a debt of ten hundred and twenty thousand francs; the risk is too great, and the interest would probably absorb all the profit; I would rather continue a waiter for a few years longer, and retire upon a small annuity than run the risk of marching to prison in the shoes of a bankrupt.'

'You speak sense, my friend, but leave the matter to me.'

The old man then adjusted the folds of his boots, and departed without uttering another word. The next morning he came to the Cafe half an hour earlier than was his custom. Dominic commenced arranging his table, but the old man arrested him.

'Where is the proprietor?' said he.

'In his cabinet, said Dominic.

'Conduct me to him.'

Dominic moved forward to show the old man the way; his heart beat with violence, for, although he had passed the whole of the preceding day in trying to convince himself that the good man was weak in his intellect, and was trifling with him still his perplexity returned when he beheld the air of assurance and determination with which the man who ate stale bread' proceeded about the business. When they were both arrived in the presence of the proprietor, the old man commenced the conversation without further preamble.

'How much do you demand for your establishment?' said he.

'Before I reply to your inquiry,' said the proprietor, who suspected some invalidation in seeming of folly, 'before I reply to your demand, and enter upon the affair with you, suffer me to ask whom I have the honour to address?'

'You are right. If two are about to enter into a contract, it is first of all necessary that they should know and have confidence in each other. I am the Baron Ragelet, ex-commissary general of the armies of the empire.'

'Baron Ragelet!' said the proprietor, bowing; 'I know the name; I have seen it lately in the newspapers.'

'No doubt, in relation to an injunction obtained by an indignant family to prevent me from wasting my fortune. They say I am a fool, and that my liberality has its origin in imbecility. During ten months, while the inquiry was going on, my property was extracted, and I refused to touch the allowance offered me. Since then the inquiry has terminated in favour of my sanity, and, having again entered upon the administration of my property, I was enabled to refund to this excellent man the little sum he had had the generosity to disburse for me. Now that we know each other, let us return to business. What sum do you demand for your establishment?'

'Two hundred and twenty thousand francs.'

'It is not perhaps too dear; and you would probably have no objection to leave some of the purchase money on mortgage. But listen to me. The times are unsettled, and the most solid establishment are at the mercy of revolutions, and two hundred thousand francs now is better than two hundred and twenty thousand in prospect. Here, then,' he continued, drawing an old portfolio from his pocket, 'is two hundred thousand francs in notes of the Bank of France. If these satisfy you, the affair is finished. This is my way of transacting business, and in my time I have completed more important bargains in fewer words.'

Dominic and his master both seemed stupified with surprise. The Baron appeared to enjoy their confusion, and rubbed his hands, and repeated the grimace to which we have already alluded.

'I am willing to agree,' said the proprietor; but it is necessary that the matter should be arranged by a notary.

'Why so? Is not the sale executed in good form by the three parties present?'

'But with respect to the interest,' ventured Dominic, in a smothered tone of voice, seizing the Baron's coat, 'it is necessary——'

'Bah!' replied the old man, 'I do it to oblige a friend, and am no usurer. Give me your acknowledgement—I desire nothing else. But as I have no intention of making you a present of two hundred thousand francs, I will arrange it in such a manner that you shall long remain my debtor.'

Dominic fell from his elevation, and the man who always ate stale bread', descended to the coffee-room. While the buyer and seller were preparing themselves to register the transfer of the property, he swallowed his cup of coffee, not forgetting the two pieces of sugar to be transferred to his pocket, beat a superb march on the table, drew up his boots, and departed with his two friends to finish, by a dash of the pen, a transfer of two hundred thousand francs.

In a few days Dominic was installed in his new dignity. The little old man continued to take his ordinary breakfast in his usual impassible manner, when, one day, as he was leaving the room, he deviated so far from his usual custom as to approach Dominic, who was ensconced in the seat of honour, and addressed him with the following words:—

'Dominic,' said he, 'I think you have warm affections?'

'Perhaps,' said Dominic, fixing his eyes upon the Baron, as though he would read his thoughts.

'I see,' said the other, 'you have them when the occasion demands it—you are right—I am pleased with the reservation. I find you have not lost your heart—marriage is the most important affair of a man's life. Dominic, you must get married.'

'I have already thought it, Sir,' said Dominic; 'a wife would be a great source of comfort and economy. It would save the expense of a *dame de comptoir*.'

'True,' said the Baron, 'you have need of aid and counsel; you shall have them. Be ready at eight o'clock this evening; I will call for you, and we will pay a visit together.'

The appointed hour arrived, and with it the Baron. Dominic was ready, and accompanied Mons. Ragelet in a hackney coach to that quarter of decayed wealth, the Faubourg St. Germain. Here they stopped at the door of a house of mean appearance, and, having ascended several flights of stairs, entered a small apartment, where they found two ladies, who received them with marked attention.

'Madame Dupre,' said the Baron to one of them, with an appearance of friendly familiarity, 'this is the worthy man of whom I have spoken, and in whose welfare I hope to interest you. Dominic,' continued he, turning towards the coffee-house keeper, 'this lady is the widow of a man who has rendered the state great services. She has promised to extend her favours to you, and will permit you to visit her at intervals.'

While Mons. Ragelet was making these introductions in due form, the daughter of Madame Dupre, whose name was Rose, and who, without being exactly beautiful, possessed all the freshness and bloom of the rose, to whose name she bore, gazed Dominic attentively, and gave an return bestowed upon her a large share of his attention. The result of this double investigation appeared favourable to both parties, for Dominic was well-formed, and with good features, and his countenance reflected the goodness and gentleness of his heart. He had also taken care to dress for interview, so as to off his person to the best advantage, believing the old adage, that, with the ladies, *Ce n'est le premier pas qui coute.*

But the meanness of the apartment, and the simple and unexpensive dresses of the ladies, somewhat disappointed Dominic. He was mistaken at the earlier, and, in return for the Baron's kindness, and indeed, thought, from a hint that the Baron had dropped, that it was his intention to introduce him to a lady of property, with some rose towards the liquidation of his debt. But observing such obvious signs of want of wealth in the Dupres, he came to the conclusion that the Baron was more desirous of marrying him to a girl who had been under his protection, in return for the favours which he had just bestowed. This thought occasioned Dominic great uneasiness, but, whatever the appearances might be, the conclusion was a wrong one. The next day as the interview had been satisfactory between the parties, the Baron, on announced to Dominic his plans in full. He stated the nature of the obligations conferred upon him by the elder Dupre, and his desire, as the family were left in adverse circumstances, to return the obligation, without alarming their delicacy; and this, he thought, he could best do by effecting a marriage between Dominic and the daughter of his friend.

Dominic was satisfied was this explanation and arrangement; the young lady appeared truly amiable, and desirable as a partner for life; and, before a week had elapsed Dominic made a formal offer of his hand and heart, and was duly accepted by the protege of the man who always ate stale bread.

The marriage was duly solemnized, and the same day, after his customary breakfast, the Baron beckoned Dominic to approach.

'You have done well, said he; 'you have married, without interested motives, a woman desirous and capable of rendering you happy. I told you that I should find means to cancel the debt you owe me; it is in the power of Rose. Dominic, continued he, seizing the two hundred thousand bill in pieces, 'I destroy this acknowledgement you gave for the money. Enjoy it and be happy.'

Dominic, full of gratitude, would have thrown himself at the Baron's feet, but he was already out of the door.

'Two or three such reparations,' he muttered to himself, as he walked swiftly away, 'and I shall die contented and absolved; and these are what my relations call prodigal dissipations of my fortune.'

May all those who wallow in ill-acquired wealth render the same atonement to society as Baron Ragelet; and may they be as happy in the selection of their objects!

Dominic verified the prediction of the Baron, and became a millionaire. He improved the establishment in the Palais Royal, and, having brought it to its present state of perfection, sold the property for five hundred thousand francs. He is now a retired citizen, residing in a noble hotel in the Rue St. Honore and member of the Chamber of Deputies, distinguished chiefly for the simple probity of his character. Neither he nor Rose have ever forgotten or hesitated to acknowledge their obligations to 'the Man who always ate stale bread.'

THE COWSLIP.

Cowslip, of all beloved, of all adored!
Thee let me sing, the homely shepherd's pride;
Fit emblem of the maid I love, a form
Gladdening the sight of man; a sweet perfume,
Sending its balmy fragrance to the soul.
Daughter of Spring and messenger of May,
Which shall I first declare, which most extol,
Thy sovereign beauties, or thy sovereign use?
With thee the rural dance and delight participate.
A necessary draught, more famous to my taste
Than all the toasted wine, boasted Bacchus!
Maidens with raven their auburn tresses braid;
Or, with the daisy and the primrose pale,
Thy flowers entwining, weave a chaplet fair,
To grace that pole round which the village train
Lead on their dance to greet the jocund May;
Joceund I'll call it, for it lends a smile
To thee, who never sniff'st but once a year.
I dame thee not, thou poor unpitied weed!
O, I despise, save him whose silent heart
Dejected Hatway! Peace be to his soul!
Thus is that man, who quits the pale of life,
Who, wanting nothing, and yet vexing mind
From seeking nothing, and yet cries out his aim
To raise from dust the meanest of his kind.
Now I at the muse to thee her dear tribute,
Friend of the poor and guardian of the wronged,
Back let her pleased return, to view those spoils,
Whose sole acquisition has claims for me
Beyond the hall or midnight masquerade
Sit on that merry morn I've joined their throng,
A glad spectator; on their mazes dance
Fixed most attentive; when, with tuneful show,
Liberated ribbons decked each maiden's cap,
And cowslip garlands every rustic hat.

GOOD AND BAD FORTUNE.—Fortune never comes singly, any more than misfortunes. The Graces were sisters, as well as the Furies.

NARENOR.

(Continued from last No.—and now ended.

PART II.

All happened as the old man had foretold. In the evening the guards entered the prison of Narenor, and, seeing, as they thought, no one but a harmless idiot, they cried out that the wretch—the coiner, who could make bad money look like true coin, had evaporated through the key-hole, and had left this poor mis-shapen dwarf in his place. So he was set free immediately, with many apologies. Once more Narenor returned to the Schelmer forest.

How peaceful every thing appeared, contrasted with the scenes through which he had lately passed! It was morning, when he wound along the margin of the small lake, which embosomed its little depth in trees, about three miles distant from his cottage. A hill, covered with brushwood, rose at once from the rocky shore of the lake, and its shadow descended far into the water with all the clearness of reality. The light, that intercepted over the greater part of the lake, gleamed magically from behind the shadow of the hill; and (as a poet has expressed it)

——Paler than all the verse
Which smiled around, those imaged rays appear
As Fancy's dreams are dearer to the heart,
Than all that colder Truth, or Reason can impart!

On one side of the lake, a rocky bank left just sufficient space for a narrow woody path between it and the water. Every where else was the impenetrable forest.

I suppose that every one has felt the exhilarating effect of the early morning air—yes, every one—for the fine lady has felt it in coming home from a ball, just as much as a peasant in going out to his work. But to a person of susceptible frame (prompt in replying to the outward impulses of nature) the cool invigorating oxygen of the morning air conveys positively a new sense of existence. Every animal comes more sweetly upon the eye—every object is presented more vividly to the eye—and (where I not afraid of growing less poetical, I should say, every smell, fragrant of course) is wafted more freshly, more dewily, to the nose.—How very odd it is that nor should not do in poetry as well as *not*. There are equally base associations connected with both. As one may be pulled, but one cat may be lost in the pillory. A nose—but I forbear.—To return.

Narenor felt this intoxication of the morning air—as far above all that sparkling champagne (well enough in its way) of ruby-coloured claret can produce—(which you see in mind that I must quote a hackney passage to which we, by the by, are the lunatic creation of the present day—John Woodvil, a tragedy by Charles Lamb; most strangely neglected by this acute generation of critics.

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'*John*—Because your poet-born bath an internal wine, rather than liquors, or cordials, yet unknown to man.

'*Lovel*—What may be the name of this wine?

'*John*—It hath as many names as qualities. It is denominated indifferently, wit, conceit, invention, imagination; but its most royal and comprehensive title is Fancy.

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'Youth, health, and morning, ye are ties to make
The heart of man bound high with ecstacy!'

Here his ideas failed; because happiness has few ideas. It is rather a sensation.

'And why not (thus commoned he with himself) make untoward an endurable and daily happiness out of these simple elements! Why should not the rocks, the trees, the water, the air, the sky, be sufficient for a man to throw in my own heart, suffice for pleasure!

So mused Narenor as he slowly proceeded along the unfrequented, overgrown path, that conducted to his cottage. Presently he heard a short, quick cry of extreme pleasure, and a poor wretched skeleton of a dog flew to his feet, spring up almost to a level with his shoulders, and, in the eyes of Narenor, (proceeding, replying to the outward impulses of nature) the cool invigorating oxygen of the morning air conveys positively a new sense of existence. Every animal comes more sweetly upon the eye—every object is presented more vividly to the eye—and (where I not afraid of growing less poetical, I should say, every smell, fragrant of course) is wafted more freshly, more dewily, to the nose.—How very odd it is that nor should not do in poetry as well as *not*. There are equally base associations connected with both. As one may be pulled, but one cat may be lost in the pillory. A nose—but I forbear.—To return.

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ADDRESS

To the Young Men of Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Young Men's Bible Society having recently organized, the Managers take the earliest opportunity to address those upon whom they rely for assistance, to appraise them of the existence and object of the Society, and solicit their co-operation in the great work it has undertaken.

The object of the Society, as announced in the second article of the Constitution, is simply "The circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment,"—an object which recommends itself equally to the Christian and the patriot. Among the various benevolent operations of the present age, there is none entitled to higher regard than that which promotes the diffusion of the word of God,—the true basis of social order, and the only secure foundation of civil as well as religious liberty. In the sacred volume alone are to be found the principles of true liberty and civilization, supported by enlightened morality. Not only is there no code of morals equal to that of the Bible, but without it, there is no security for any morals at all. Remove the sanctions it presents, and what is to restrain the passions or the selfishness of men from seeking their own gratification without regard to the rights of others? Human laws are confessedly inadequate. Imperfect at best, they only prescribe rules for the outward conduct: they do not pretend to reach the heart; and secret passions may be indulged, and secret vices practiced without incurring their penalty. At Sparta, it was no crime to steal, unless the thief was discovered; if the thief could effect his object so adroitly as to escape detection, he was considered deserving of praise rather than of blame. The morality of men without the Bible, varies with their circumstances, and whatever may be said of conscience, or the moral sense as a rule of conduct, it is only when enlightened by Divine truth that it becomes a safe guide in the path of duty. It is in the Bible, and in the Bible only, that we find a correct standard of morals, and an adequate sanction for their observance. If this be true, the Bible is the only sure foundation of real civilization, which cannot exist without morality. It is true, we hear of refinement carried to excess when vice has become fashionable, and morals depraved, but this is the abuse of refinement, the degeneracy of civilization, which, if it be not checked by the influence of virtuous principle, must inevitably lead to the destruction of civil society. That beautiful fabric rests upon the Bible as its corner stone. The true conservative principle is virtue; the virtue of the Bible, founded on the fear of God and the love of man: and every one who has at heart the welfare of his country, and the happiness of his fellow men, should contribute his aid in diffusing as widely as possible, the knowledge of the Bible.

This, too, is the only security of civil liberty. Nowhere else can man learn the duties he owes to God, and to his fellow men:—nowhere else does he learn the natural equality of men, that all men are brethren;—nowhere else are to be found the same motives to justice, to honesty, to kindness, to the exercise of those feelings of our nature;—and nowhere else does man learn the importance of his character, and the elevation of his rank in the scale of existence,—so that the humblest individual may regard himself as an immortal being, created in the image of his Creator, with the prospect of his species; and, conscious of his own dignity, may rise above the abject servility of a slave, and claim and exercise the rights of a man. Accordingly we find, that it is only in nations enlightened by the Bible, that civil liberty exists; while others, if they have any government at all, deserving the name, are fettered by some form of despotism, which regards the mass of the people as an inferior. It is, therefore, the duty of the patriot to promote the circulation of the Bible among his fellow citizens, that they may be made acquainted with their rights, and so be prepared to cherish and maintain them.

But above and beyond all these considerations, the religion of the Bible is the only true religion. It points out the only way of salvation.—"For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved," but the name of that Saviour whom the Bible reveals. Without it, man is a guilty, miserable being, groping his way through life, conscious of sin, and apprehensive of punishment, but surrounded by darkness which his eye cannot penetrate, and at last sinking into the grave with no knowledge, and scarcely a hope of future existence. But when the light of revelation is shed upon his path, every thing is changed:—reconciled to God through the atonement of his Saviour, he may regard his Creator as his father, and his friend; and looking beyond the grave, he may indulge the hope of becoming an heir of life and immortality through faith in Jesus Christ. We need not say, then, that it is the duty of every Christian to aid the circulation of the Gospel.

Impressed with these sentiments, the members of the Pennsylvania Young Men's Bible Society have associated themselves together for the purpose of circulating the Holy Scriptures among their fellow citizens, in the first place, and afterwards, as far as their means will allow throughout the world. They unite in this enterprise without distinction of sect, and standing upon ground common to all Christians, offer the simple word of God, without note or comment, to all who will receive it. They consider it a privilege to be engaged in this work; and in presenting their Constitution to the Young Men of Pennsylvania, they call upon them by every motive of philanthropy, patriotism, and Christianity, to join in proclaiming "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace good will toward men."

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MULBERRY FACTS.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman of great experience in the culture of the mulberry, under date of March 11, 1838, in reply to a variety of questions in relation to the subject of Silk Culture, &c:

"That with proper culture and attention the Multicaulis will endure our winters, is a fact fully established by my own experience. I have a large number which are now in a perfectly hardy state; many of them have stood through three winters unprotected, and are at present in all appearance, uninjured.

"I have cultivated four distinct kinds, and with equal damage by winter and early frosts,—and have come to the conclusion that the Multicaulis is cultivated with the same care and attention as are the peach and apple, we shall have a plant for the business of silk growing that has no superior.

"I obtained last year at the rate of 100 pounds of silk to the acre of multicaulis trees. The present year, having better and more extensive accommodations, my operations will be on a larger scale. Five tons of green leaves can be raised by layer clears on the acre; in this part of New England,—and upon a large scale, 100 pounds of leaves, if judiciously used, will feed 2000 worms, enough for one pound of silk. I have reeled a pound of silk from less than 2000 cocoons, and one of my neighbors has done the same.

"The most sure way to protect the roots of the Multicaulis and have them survive our coldest winters, is in my opinion as follows. After taking off the leaves, (say from about the 15th to the 20th of September, and before a hard frost) and while the plants are green and growing, cut them down near the ground, and slightly cover the stumps to keep them from the air.

"If this plan is followed, success is sure. So far as I have had experience, it is the first frosts in autumn which does the injury.

"My mode of planting out the trees is as follows. The land being well ploughed and harrowed, I strike out furrows four feet apart, put therein a dressing of compost manure, and lay down my trees the whole length, one after the other, and cover with earth. One man can plant an acre in a day and have the work done well. The same amount of labor will be sufficient to cut and clear the ground in the autumn, and another day's work will cover all the stumps. To uncover the stumps in the spring, use the pronged hoe, then let the cultivator pass between the rows, keep the ground clear of weeds and grass until the sprouts are about one foot in height.

"Silk-worms' eggs should be enclosed in glass bottles, corked so close as to exclude the air—deposited in the ice-house and on the ice, and may be brought forth for hatching any time during the season of feeding.

"I hope to see you soon, and then we will give the subject a thorough discussion. W. C."

REMARKS.

We esteem it a privilege to receive communications from the experienced silk grower, and especially from those in whose opinions and practice and observations we have confidence. There are only few whom we have the opportunities and experience of our correspondent, and whose opinions so well agree with the friends of silk culture in this vicinity.

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But fears of another kind exist, viz: that there are not so many mulberries under cultivation by *hundreds of millions* as might now to be growing in every State in the Union, to enable silk growers to avail themselves of the bounty offered or to be offered, and ensure to themselves the profits of one of the most encouraging pursuits ever offered to an agricultural community, or which offers so ample return for the amount of investment,—and besides, being a business which will not interfere with the ordinary routine of farmers' work or crops. *Inspector.*

Saturday Evening Post.

MAY 5, 1838.

The following interesting letter was addressed to a gentleman of N. Jersey, by an individual, who has had ample means of ascertaining the truth of what he describes, and we believe great reliance may be placed in his statement.

DUBUQUE, WISCONSIN TERRITORY, December 1st, 1837.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 25th Oct. was duly received on the 17th of November, and I take much pleasure in answering it. Before going into the details you desire, however, I will simply remark that as I receive a great many letters of enquiry from the East, the postage upon them amounts to a considerable tax, if not paid by the writers. The time requisite for answering the various questions submitted to me, I most cheerfully bestow, firmly persuaded that it is thus devoted to the good cause of promoting the welfare of my fellow beings. Having been originally a resident of the East myself, both in New Jersey and Pennsylvania,—I am deeply sensible of the extreme ignorance, generally prevailing amongst you, in relation to the real character and condition of this most charming country, and of the incalculable advantages you consequently lose, by being deterred from removing hither. I would that it were possible for me to present to the eyes of all those I have left behind, a true picture of this highly favored land—for I should then undoubtedly acquire the enviable appellation of a public benefactor, with the proud consciousness too, of knowing that I deserved it. But vastly abler pens than mine, have fallen far short of accomplishing this "consummation so devoutly to be wished. Yet would I fondly hope that my honest endeavors, humble as they are, may be productive of some good, to all for whose benefit they are sincerely intended: I therefore particularly desire you to lib me the favor of handing this letter to the editor of your paper, requesting him for the sake of his subscribers, to honor it with publication. I pledge my name for the correctness of its contents.

Dubuque is situated upon the west bank of the Mississippi river, in latitude 42½ degrees N. being almost the same as that of Boston, or only half a degree north of Pennsylvania. The town is incorporated, and though only laid out in 1833, now contains about two thousand inhabitants.—We have two stone and one wooden church, an excellent female school and another for boys, several splendid brick houses, a Bank which has never suspended specie payments, a double steam saw-mill, and a grist mill about to be attached, a printing press, whence weekly issues the "Iowa News," about thirty stores, two public hilliard rooms, two coffee houses, an extensive public reading-room, four hotels, two brick yards, &c. &c. The mail arrives tri-weekly at present, but will run daily from the first of January. Steamboats we do not pretend to count; they come and go constantly. Navigation is now in the finest order, with every appearance of its continuing open until Christmas. There is not a particle of frost in the ground at present, as you may imagine, when many of our industrious farmers are busily engaged in breaking up the rich sod of their smooth prairies. As an evidence of our not being entirely out of the world as you perhaps suppose, I may mention that the La Fayette Circus company of New York recently performed here several nights "to overflowing houses," since whom there has been an exhibition of wild animals and paintings from the same place.

Our climate I consider decidedly preferable to that of Pennsylvania,—the winters being no colder, much drier, and freer from snow. Navigation generally closes in Dec. and opens in March, causing an interruption of about three months in the year. No land can be richer, no water finer, no air purer than ours.

The land is prairie, interspersed with groves of timber, and well supplied with the most beautiful springs and rivulets, well stocked with fish of various kinds, among which is the mountain trout.

Nature has here done all she could for man: the soil being ready for the immediate introduction of the plough, without cutting of a single bush, or grubbing up a root. No chopping whatever is requisite, excepting for the purpose of fencing, and some farmers have adopted the custom,—enclosing their fields with embankments or hedges instead. Grain of all kinds arrives at the finest perfection here, we shall soon entirely eclipse the far-famed Genesee Country for its productiveness, and be the granary of the world, wide as it is, to match us in potatoes; and in the midst of all this, we have the richest lead mines in the United States. The price of land will be $1.25 per acre. It is expected to be brought into market the ensuing season, the whole "Black Hawk purchase" being now nearly all surveyed. Wages are, for laborers, from $20 to $30 per month, "and found." Mechanics earn from $2.50 to $5.00 per day. Farmers get for Wheat $2 per bushel, Corn $1, Rye $1, Oats 75 cents, Potatoes 50 cents, Beef 6 to 7 cts. per pound, Sugar 12½ cents, Coffee 20 cts. Clothing and dry-goods are of course generally a little higher than in Philadelphia. From Philadelphia to Pittsburg you can travel by the Railroad and Canal. From there to Dubuque, you will take the steam boats. The other route you speak of, by way of Lake *Superior*, you would find rather circuitous. There are several friends gone there from N. Jersey and Philadelphia, who are all delighted with the country, and doing well.

Four years ago, this part of Wisconsin west of the Mississippi, belonged to Black Hawk—it is now estimated to contain thirty five thousand American citizens, composed of much of the intelligence, enterprize and refinement of the older states. Iowa is truly a prodigy, such as the world never saw before, nor ever will again. Let those who doubt it come and see.

I advise you to bring your household goods with you, as furniture here is high. We have an abundance of game, such as deer, turkeys, quail, pigeons, pheasants, ducks, geese, snipes, ledges, wood-cocks, &c. &c. a valuable addition to the west side of Iowa, has just been made, by the purchase from the Indians of several hundred square miles of the choicest land. Thus we go on increasing in importance daily.

Respectfully your friend, J. PLUMER, Jr.

Curious Scene.—Among the paracapha equalis interesting and questionable, with which the English papers teem, we find a wedding in the native of "hope deferred." Not long since, while a marriage ceremony was in progress, a most amusing circumstance occurred, which completely put a stop to the performance, at a most interesting part of it, and sent the disappointed maiden and her anxious lover two different ways, any thing but rejoicing. It seems that the young couple had gone separately to a church for the purpose of being made one. The ceremony went on well enough until the minister came to the words "with this ring I thee wed;" when the bride, essaying to take her glove off her maiden hand for the last time, could not effect it. Whether it was agitation of the mind, weariness or perspiration, the leather clung to her hand as a man ought to do, and would not part company. The bride blushed and pulled; the bridegroom look nain! laughed outright; so did the bride's mother; so did the bride's sisters, except the clergyman, and he exclaimed, "I did not come here to be laughed at," and shutting the book left the ceremony half finished, the bride half married, and the glove in her hand. It is happily added, however, especially for the information of all who may sympathize with the disappointed fair one, that she tried again the next day with much success. That time she went to church with gloveless hands, and the man who kissed her "took not a glove."—*Phil. Gazette.*

POLICE.

Monday, April 30.—A Father imprisoned by his Son.—A man named James McCarty, of Patterson, N. J. came to the city with a warrant issued by a magistrate of that state, charging, on the oath of James, his father John McCarty and his brother Eugene McCarty, with the theft of a horse, wagon and harness, worth $250, from the complainant, and applying to Justice Bloodgood for authority to arrest him in this city. The authority was given without due consideration, and John McCarty, the father, was taken rudely by the collar, and arrested for the alleged felony on the complaint of his unnatural son, as a fugitive from justice. In his examination, however, he stated that the charge was absolutely and wickedly false, that he had purchased the horse, wagon and harness, and paid for them himself, and had merely for a short period loaned them to his son James, who now arrested him. As the proceeding had under the New Jersey warrant was evidently illegal, Justice Hopson discharged John, the father, on common bail, and he immediately took measures to institute legal proceedings against his son James before the circuit court of the United States, for the wrongs inflicted. James, not content with the arrest of his father, endeavored to persuade Justice Hopson to endorse the New Jersey warrant for the arrest of Eugene McCarty, but that magistrate refused to do it, as out of the pale of his authority; stating that he could only be arrested on the requisition of the Governor. The attempt therefore failed.—*N. Y. Courier.*

EPITOME OF THE TIMES.

One hundred and thirty vessels arrived in Liverpool from America, in the month of March.

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The army in Florida is going into summer quarters.

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The Charles Carroll arrived at New York on the 25th ult. bringing out from Havre $19,000 francs, besides five kegs.

The British and Foreign Temperance Society has offered a premium of $250 for the best essay on the benefits of total abstinence.

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A young man named Peter Biceline, was recently drowned in the canal near Newport, in Perry county.

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The Legislature of Indiana has appropriated two hundred and ninety thousand dollars to be expended on the canal connecting the river St. Joseph with the Wabash and Maumee Canal, which running longitudinally through the State of Indiana, unites Lake Erie with the Ohio River—and consequently connects the Southern part of Lake Erie by the Maumee, and with the Ohio river by the Wabash. This will afford a straight route from the mouth of the Missouri to Cleveland in Ohio, and Erie in Pennsylvania.

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Look out Trifters.—A case was recently tried before the county court at Rutland, Vt. in which a Miss Munson recovered $1425 of a Mr. Hastings, for a breach of marriage contract. The principal feature in the case was the charge of the judge, which tended to show that no explicit promise was necessary to bind the parties to a marriage contract; but that long continued attentions or intimacy with a female, was as good evidence of intended marriage as a special contract.

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The dimensions of this fine vessel are such as to afford a state cabin or saloon of 82 feet in length, with an extreme breadth of 34 feet, but of this a certain portion is taken up on each side for convenient and separate sleeping berths, except in the centre, where the entire space being left open, forms instead, two commodious recesses, elegantly fitted up with sofas and looking glasses. This saloon is decorated in the style of the age of Louis the Fourteenth. The sides which separate it from the sleeping berths, consist of panels divided by upright pillasters, surmounted by capitals of that character. The panels contain allegorical and emblematic paintings in the style of Watteau, by Mr. Parris, an artist of no inconsiderable English reputation. The subjects are too diversified to allow us to enter into particular detail, but we cannot too much commend the tastefulness of their design and the minute beauty of their execution.

The prevailing color of the apartment, pillasters, &c. is a light salmon or flesh color, with rich gold ornaments and decorations; but the frames of the looking glasses are in imitation of Dresden china, and those of the settees are in carved oak. The cushions of the latter are covered with a new article composed of horse-hair and American grass, said to be of greater durability than silk, of which it has very much the appearance. At the lower end of the saloon, on the right, is a small apartment elegantly fitted up with sofas and draperies as a drawing room, exclusively for the use of the lady passengers. At the corresponding corner on the left is the steward's room, and a staircase leading to a cabin under the saloon entirely fitted up with sleeping berths of the first class for gentlemen. The fore cabin, which is divided from the principal one, by the engine room, is 46 feet long and of a proportionate breadth, having on each side berths enclosed by partitions, and doors painted to resemble oak, ornamented with gold mouldings; and beyond is a mess room for the officers of the ship.

The whole number of berths is 128, exclusive of those for servants and other accommodations. The engine room, placed as we have stated between the saloon and fore-cabin, is admirably arranged. The engineers are not compelled to be in a place too small for convenience, but have plenty of room to attend to the operation of the engines, and to pay due attention to their working. Affixed to the frame work of the engine is a clock or index, by which the number of strokes performed by the machinery and the rate of their performance, is shown with the greatest accuracy. In case of any derangement of machinery, she is furnished with four masts, rigged something in the manner of a schooner, so that as a sailing vessel she could perform her voyage with tolerable speed. Every precaution has been taken in the progress of her building, by whom the engines have been constructed, to guard against the possibility of danger. No expense has been spared in the building and fitting up the vessel. She is one of the most magnificent specimens of naval architecture, in point of decoration is the finest specimen of British enterprise that ever floated on the waves of the Atlantic.—*London Morning Herald.*

Generous Daring.—A few days since, a child four years old, son of Mr. Lyndock, the keeper of the west bank of the Scioto, near the Aqueduct, while playing on some plank and timbers belonging to the old pile bridge, unconscious of its danger, walked off the timbers into twelve feet water. The child was swept by the current strong! The child finding itself borne down the stream, called to its mother for help; which the frantic parent was utterly unable to give. Her cries, however, attracted the attention of a man who happened to be passing to the Aqueduct, more than a quarter of a mile distant—walked a narrow timber four hundred and fifty feet, suspended by the side of the trunk, from one abutment to the other—gained the western bank plunged into the rapid swim, swimming some two hundred yards caught the child, and was making for the shore, when a skiff which had been speedily brought, from the high level on the canal came to the rescue, about a quarter of a mile from where the child went into the water. We enquired for the name of the individual who had thus promptly and generously period his own life; and after several fruitless repetitions of the enquiry, we learned that his name is J. Bryntz, a tanner, in the employ of Mr. Cradlebaugh. Such acts ought not to pass without a special notice.—*Circleville (Ohio) Amar.*

Melancholy Event.—Mrs. Chloe Knowles, wife of Reynold Knowles, of Farmington, in this county, committed suicide on Friday, 8th ult. at the house of her father, Joseph Terry, where they reside. She went up stairs about half past nine o'clock, A. M. in the absence of her husband, and her father, who has only succeeded on a sailing excursion around the island, for the purpose of pleasure. After arriving at King's Bridge, at 10 o'clock at night, in attempting to cross Mr. Cole's dam the boat was carried by the motion of the current about twenty yards, upset, and threw the young men out, and they were buffeted by the waves, and beaten against the rocks, until they were all nearly dead when they were rescued by a passing boat, with great difficulty; one of them, Kisner, with his usual narrow escape, is badly injured as most probably to make him a cripple for life. Maynihan was drowned before rescue arrived. He was a sober, industrious and worthy young man, with a young wife, and an infant child, who are thus left without support, to bewail his loss.—*N. Y. Gaz.*

Dreadful Steamboat Disaster.—It becomes our painful duty to record a serious disaster which took place on board the packet Eutaw.—The boat was preparing to leave our wharf, for Wheeling, in the performance of her daily trips, and the engine had made but two evolutions, in backing out from shore, when from some cause, two of the flues collapsed, which did great injury to the boat, and many persons on board. The clerk, Mr. Fulton, was slightly scalded; one of the engineers, Mr. Smith, badly scalded; we regret to learn his life is dangerous; Mr. O'Neal, employed on board, had his skull fractured; Mr. Vanodell, a deck hand, was thrown overboard, and was drowned; an individual, whose name we could not ascertain, is missing. This, we believe, was the first explosion of the kind that ever occurred at Steubenville; who to censure we know not, but believe it was caused by inattention, and we hope in future more care will be taken.—*Steubenville (Ohio) Union, April 28.*

A Cunning Rogue.—A clerk going down Wall street to make a deposite, had his bank book stolen from his pocket. Fearing the loss, he stopped to gaze at the numerous caricatures near the new Custom House. A well dressed rogue came up behind him quietly, and while winking and smiling to the mob, and pointing them to signs, took at a neat trick, he slipped the bank book out of the pocket of the clerk, took out the notes, and returned the book to the pocket, without disturbing the clerk, who was still gazing at the pictures. The bystanders believing him to be an intimate friend of the clerk, were highly tickled at the trick, and laughed and chuckled at the anticipated surprise of the clerk. The rogue walked slowly ahead, turned smilingly to the crowd, put his forefinger on his lips to enjoin silence, and actually disappeared with a large sum in bank notes, thus obtained openly, while hundreds were looking on. No one knew who he was, nor has the money been recovered. It was a bold, and yet a most dexterous robbery.—*N. Y. Com. Star.*

Outrage and Murder.—In a riot between the Corkman and the Sugar Island men, on the waters of Sing Sing, one of the overseers was murdered by having his brains beat out with a pick axe. Ten of the party concerned in the murder were sent to West Chester prison.

Another of the overseers who had refused to employ three men in consequence of their having been engaged in a strike and disturbance, was way-laid and knocked down by them on his return from work in the evening, and beaten with a pick axe, left for dead, and when he thought they from him over a bridge, into a stream of water. He however got out, and was again discovered by them after he had crept one hundred yards, and was again attacked and beaten—but his skull broken in two places, ribs and shoulder bones broken, &c. He however survived, and was able to say who had done the deed. The three were taken, and are also in jail. The overseer was not dead when we heard from him.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

Fatal Affray.—On the night of the 19th ult. an Irishman by the name of Case, came to his death at Indiana city, in the county of Fulton, N. Y. in the following manner. A determination had been formed to ride on a rail one Ann Crapo, a resident of the place. Crapo had been acquainted of the design, and prepared himself for defence, with a large butcher knife. On the evening above named, the deceased, together with another individual, called at Crapo's house, blacked and disguised, for the purpose of carrying their plan into operation. Crapo was in bed, and they ordered him to get up. He answered that he knew what they had come for, and that if they wanted any thing of him they could get it. They approached the bed for the purpose of taking him out, when he stabbed the deceased with the butcher knife to the heart.—Poor Case rushed out of the house with the knife in him, and expired. The other also fled. Crapo was examined before a justice of the peace, and admitted to bail in the sum of $500, to await his trial at the next term of the Circuit Court.

VOYAGE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

The following account of the first voyage across the Atlantic in a Steamboat, is from the New London, Conn. Gazette, and has some interest at this time, when the arrival of the two steam vessels from England is attracting so much attention. The

SATURDAY EVENING POST.
PHILADELPHIA.
Saturday, May 5, 1838.

AGENCIES.

Dr. T. W. Powers will act as our agent for Beaver City, Beaver County, Pa. in place of Dr. E. K. Chamberlin, resigned.

Mr. R. J. Garwood of Wheeling, Va. will act as our agent for Wheeling and Wellsburg, Va. Bridgeport, O. and West Alexandria, Pa. in place of R. McClure, Esq. late P. M. resigned. Our subscribers in these places will please settle their accounts with the gentlemen named above.

SPECIE.

It is said that arrangements are now being made, by which the banks of this city will, in a short time, pay in specie all sums under one dollar. It is believed by many that they will shortly follow this movement by paying notes of five and under. The Loan Companies, to support their credit, will be not long after them. And we shall shortly have specie sufficient for small business transactions. Truly it is time, for many of the shin plasters are becoming offensive as well as odious.

ROBBERY.

The house occupied by Mrs. Prevost on the north side of Walnut street above Eighth, was entered by the back windows last Sunday evening, and robbed of silver to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars.

CASUALTY.

On the morning of Monday last, as a man of the name of Vogel, in the upper part of Kensington, and the Germantown road, was engaged in making lucifer matches, the materials accidentally became ignited and exploded with great violence. The windows were broken to pieces, and the lower story of the house was much injured, the partition wall between two rooms thrown down, and a large store in one of them broken up. The owner of the establishment has been so severely injured as to cause his death on Thursday; a young man in the house at the time was terribly burned, and a child seriously wounded in the arm, which probably will be lost.

CITY COUNCILS.

At a meeting of the Councils on the 26th ult. a letter was received from Mr. Biddle, President of the Trustees of the Girard College, stating that arrangements had been made, by which it was proposed to organize the institution by the 1st of October, and requesting authority to commence the instruction of orphans at that period. A resolution to this effect passed the Select Council, but on being sent to the other chamber, was there postponed to the next meeting. Various petitions were received, and resolutions passed having reference to local objects, not of general interest. The opening of the Girard College is advised in a measure of sound policy.

MAIL ROBBERY.

A man who passes under the name of John Larkins was brought before the Mayor on Tuesday morning last, by W. H. Blaney, one of the high constables, on a charge of having shot the driver of the United States Mail, near Mobile, Alabama. He has been committed by the Mayor for further hearing. The circumstances of this affair were published last January, the murder being been committed on the 19th of that month. The prisoner was discovered and arrested by Constables Blaney and McLean at a house in Southwark alley. There were many corroborating circumstances to strengthen the suspicion which led to his detection.

FASHION.

It may gratify the ladies to learn, that the Victoria bonnet will become fashionable the ensuing season; it is composed of straw colored and green silk, trimmed with rose coloured ribbon; there is a wreath of white roses on the crown, and a passion flower on the left side. So says the New York Mirror.

BRUTALITY.

The Daily Focus records an instance of brutality of which, indeed, we heard from another source, that ought to receive a severe chastisement. On Friday evening the 27th ult. a small boy, apparently about eleven years old, was seen harnessed to the shafts of a small cart, followed by a man supposed to be his father. The boy labored under the burden of the load, and the blows of the brute who was acting the part of driver, the indignation of the spectators, induced them to interfere, and the unhappy child was released from his degraded condition. This case has been more than once presented, and the hope if again repeated, the offender will receive the punishment he so richly merits.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

Mr. Dawson, who had crossed over from Canada into the territory of the United States, for the purpose of assuming the soft fetters of matrimony, is like to be bound with something rather harsher. On being taken before a magistrate at Lewistown, he was recognised as one of the party concerned in the outrage at Schloser, when the worthy expounder of the law, incontinently committed him for trial.

LITERARY NOTICES.

ATLAS CLASSICA.

Mr. H. S. Tanner has just published the sixth number of the Atlas Classica, comprising a chronO Genealogical chart of the fifth age of the world, from the dedication of the temple by Solomon, to the captivity of Babylon; Patriarchal orientales, a map of the interesting country in the North and East of the Mediterranean; Patriarchatus Occidentalis, comprehending the regions adjoining the former on the West; the Dioceses of England, with their alterations to the present time; Terra Veteribus Nota, or the world known to the ancients.

OLIVER TWIST.

Messrs. Carey, Lea and Blanchard have published the first part of a new work by Boz, called Oliver Twist, or the parish boys progress, illustrated with twelve plates from Cruikshanks. The scenes and modes of life to which the narrative refers, are described with much truth and reality, and form altogether a moving tale, which will not be without effect on the reader. There is a mixture of the serious and ludicrous, that will afford much amusement, and at the same time awakens melancholy feelings.

We have received the third number, vol. 24, of the American Medical Library, &c. which contains several valuable and interesting articles.

Dramatic Notices.

CHESNUT STREET THEATRE.

Mr. Vandenhoff has been performing at this house, with if possible an increase of his professional reputation.

Mr. Burton's benefit will take place this evening, on which occasion will be presented Sam Weller, from the celebrated and facetious papers of the Pickwick club. The lovers of genuine humor will doubtless be much amused, as the character cannot fail in such hands.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.

The splendid drama of the Cataract of the Ganges has been performed during the present week with much effect. The theatre will close this evening for the season, with a brilliant equestrian performance.

A complimentary benefit was to be given Mr. Murdock on Wednesday last, at the Tremont Theatre, Boston.

Mr. Booth has been performing in Baltimore with his usual power. But being afterwards announced for Pescara, when the hour arrived, he was nowhere to be found.

PILGRIM CELEBRATION.

The second centennial period of the settlement of New Haven was celebrated in that place on the 25th ult. The orator of the day, Professor Kingsley, of Yale College, was warm in his eulogium of the Pilgrim Fathers, as the advocates of universal education, the friends of the rights of mankind, and the pioneers of liberty in the Western world. If the discourses delivered on this and similar occasions might be assumed as true, the Puritans were the most inoffensive, benevolent, and magnanimous race of men that ever existed. The page of authentic history, however, tells a very different story, as the learned professor cannot but know. To gloss over the crimes and errors of our ancestors is not the best mode of securing the exercise of freedom, and supporting the cause of liberty.

The doctrines respecting popular liberty adopted by the settlers of New England, were not only visionary and irrational, but were also subversive of all freedom, and the rights of conscience. For how could religious liberty exist, when the principles of political government were in direct opposition to the most obvious precepts of justice and moral truth. The Pilgrim Fathers in the hour of suffering and persecution, contended boldly for privileges common to the whole mass of mankind, but when power and opportunity was given them, commenced a system of persecution and sanguinary oppression, scarcely surpassed in the worst days of England. We do not wish to pursue the subject, and still less to object the errors of a past age, against the enlightened people of New England at the present day. The bigotry of our well meaning progenitors is a subject of regret and sorrow, that never ought to be made a theme of panegyric and commendation.

NEW YORK.

An inquest was held over the body of Margaret Whalen, who was discovered lying dead near the door of a barn, about five miles from the city. The day before she had been employed by Mr. Lawrence, the owner of the barn, whither in the evening she directed her steps, but it was presumed in consequence of a fit and exposure, died before it could be reached.

A law of New York authorizes copartners, and joint debtors to make distinct and separate arrangements with creditors, without injuring the rights of those who are not parties. These arrangements are in no case to lessen the power of copartners to demand of the partners their proportion towards discharging the obligations of their firms.

The arrival of the two steamboats from Great Britain has produced an extraordinary excitement, giving rise to an interchange of civilities of the most pleasing character, between the officers and the dignitaries of New York. A dinner was partaken of on board the Great Western, which was marked by hilarity and great good humor. The politeness which distinguishes the naval character, induced the commander to appoint a day for the exclusive reception of the ladies, when, as might be expected, the gay decorations of the ship were lost in the greater blaze of living beauty. The compliment was returned by the corporation giving a grand dinner, at which many speeches were made, and doubtless much champagne disposed of, to be followed by no very pleasing sensations on the following day. In sober truth the whole of these proceedings is a farce. We consider these movements as an insult to the country, and as an evidence of that *true American feeling*, which suffered Fitch to die in poverty and sorrow,—denied to Fulton what he had right to claim, and passing over in silence the adventurer of the South, gives the need of applause to those who have appropriated the efforts of their genius to themselves.

RAPID TRAVELLING.

"The Moselle, a splendid new steamboat, made a trip from St. Louis to Cincinnati last week, in the very short space of two days and sixteen hours! This is literally overcoming space, and bringing distant places together as near neighbors.

This extraordinary speed was a great cause of the destruction of this boat, and the loss of more than *two hundred* precious lives—200 human beings hurried into eternity to gratify the pride of the master of the boat, in going ahead of all competitors.

The destruction of immense numbers of travellers by the outrageous carelessness, miscon-duct, and reckless daring of engineers and captains in our Western waters, calls loudly for reform and punishment.

INTEMPERANCE.

The Galena Democrat states that a short time since, four Englishmen ascending Fever River in a small boat upset, and three of them were drowned. They were all intoxicated at the time of starting, bottles of whiskey were found in the pockets of two of them when taken out of the water.

PEACHES.

It is thought the crop of peaches this year will be small, in consequence of the severe weather. At Salem, N. J. in some orchards the buds were found so much affected by the cold, as to fall immediately on being touched. Such is also the case in many other places.

SHIPWRECK.

The schooner Henry Clay upset on the night of the 18th ultimo, and it is thought all on board perished. The body of the captain's wife was found in the rigging, and brought to town in the revenue boat. One or two masters of ships lying in the bay were among the victims.

The fare to Baltimore in both lines has been raised to four dollars.

The snow fell at Pottsville on the 21st ultimo, several inches in depth.

QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

The Queen's proclamation was issued in London on the 4th of April, appointing Tuesday the 26th of June, for the coronation. It is expected numerous representatives from the European courts will attend the ceremony, no doubt a splendid spectacle will be exhibited. Some of our own citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity now offered by the two *great steamboats*, to witness the pageantry of the Royal exhibition.

VIRGINIA ELECTION.

The election in Virginia by the last advice was going in favor of the Whigs, who the Richmond Inquirer admits have carried the House of Delegates by at least a majority of ten, and probably sixteen. At the last session of the legislature, the Senate was composed of 20 Van Buren members, and 12 Whigs; in the House there were 17 Van Buren and 47 Whigs, giving the administration party in joint ballot, a majority of 48. As far as the present election has gone, the house appears to have 59 Whigs to 55 Van Buren, while last year it was 37 Whigs to 47 of the opposite party. There seems to be a revolution gradually working among the people, which must soon produce a salutary change in the condition of the country.

Report of the Ladies' Society, in the District of Spring Garden.

This Institution was organized in February 1837, and during that winter, distributed a large quantity of Soup to the poor, of which no report has been published.

On the third day of January last, the establishment was re-opened at the corner of Callowhill and Eleventh streets, and closed on the 8th day of April. The expenses of the last week were defrayed by a member of the society, during which time 19,215 quarts of good wholesome soup were distributed to 731 families, consisting of 401 adults, and 529 children; 63 adults and 54 children of which were persons of color.

The society have been greatly assisted in their efforts to relieve the distressed by liberal donations from many benevolent individuals, from the Union Benevolent Association, and by the commendable liberality of Messrs. Robb and Brown, for the gratuitous use of the Soup House.

H. C. PIGEON, President.
S. Jones,
A. E. Richards, } Sec'ries. pro. tem.
Phila. April 28, 1838.

Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, May 1st, 1838.

The Senate have been much engaged during the past week on the Bill to establish a Board of Commissioners to hear and examine claims against the U. S. The debate, though long, was very monotonous, and had very little in it to interest the general reader. The two main arguments in favor of the Bill, were the great labor to which Congress Committees are now subjected, and the delay and expense to which claimants are subjected. It was said there were now 3,000 claims before Congress, and all these are such as the Departments could not see their way clear to allow under existing laws, to the full extent of which they are authorized to examine, allow and pay all kinds of claims. These claims are therefore passed on doubtful evidence, or on grounds for which no general law could well provide. They are therefore mostly claims in equity, and some of them are little more than appeals to the generosity of Congress.

It was maintained in opposition to the Bill, that the cause of delay is not in the Committees of Congress, who now report Bills to allow claims much faster than Congress act upon them; and that this Board would not therefore hasten the work, inasmuch as they, like the Committees, would only examine the claims and report upon them, and Congress must still pass upon the same extent as before. It was replied to this that this Board could make the examination more thorough and satisfactory, so that Congress might act at once on a considerable number of each class of claims. But the arguments on either side appeared to have very little effect in changing the opinions of the other. In fine, it appeared after all, that it must be an experiment added to other projects of this kind which of late have proved so unfortunate.

Mr. Calhoun urged that if Congress would adopt Joint Rules of the proper character, such for instance as that a claim once rejected should not again be presented, and that no papers should be withdrawn, Congress might get along as well without as with a Board of Claims; and he moved to refer the whole to a Special Committee, whose duty it should be to draw up a system of such joint rules as the subject appeared to demand.—This was negatived, yeas 13, nays 27.

The Bill, often undergoing various metamorphoses, was finally modified so as to provide for the appointment of two Commissioners, with a salary of $3,000 each, to reside at the seat of Government, and not to practice as attorneys in any court of law or equity, all members of Congress and officers under the Government were prohibited from acting in any way as agent, attorney or advocate for claimants, and in this form the Bill was carried, yeas 23, nays 15.

A supplementary report was made from the Special Committee on the case of Mr. Buggles, in relation to a charge of corrupt practices made against him by a Mr. Graham, of North Carolina; who it appears is confined in North Carolina for debt, the most usual reward for mechanical genius from the days of Roger Bacon, (confined for sorcery,) to the present time. He therefore could not obey the summons of the committee, who consequently came to no definitive decision on the subject, and merely obtained from the Senate a discharge from its farther consideration. Of course the question of guilt or innocence remains in this case wholly undecided.

Some of the leading Creek and Choctaw Indians, now in this city, from the west of the Mississippi, addressed a remonstrance to the Senate, through Mr. Clay, of Alabama, against the bill then on the table of the Senate to create an Indian Territorial Government west of the Mississippi. Mr. Clay, of Ala. thinks the remonstrance a just one, said when that bill should come up he would move to postpone it at least to the next session of Congress. This called forth from Mr. Lipton and Mr. Sevier some pretty severe animadversions on the Indian remonstrants, with something like an expression of doubt whether they are what they professed to be, delegates from the tribes to which they belonged. Personal allusions of this kind are sometimes doubtless useful, and sometimes they may be necessary; but it is always unpleasant to me to hear individuals assailed where even if present they would not have the opportunity to defend themselves. If members may not attack each other, it seems as if a rule could also be added that they shall not attack others who are present, or if present, have no immediate remedy against the most gross injustice or even cruelty. In practice to deliberate badinage therefore, I cannot but think that this general rule against personal assaults is not designed at all for that individual protection of its members, which they do not extend to their fellow citizens, but wholly for the prevention of brawls and contentions, which would greatly interfere with the debates, and be both offensive and disgraceful to the body itself. I have here thrown out these reflections, not because the good name of every citizen ought not to be held sacred in debate, or even ladies as far as the public interests will allow, but because this rule so absolutely indispensable to the good order of such bodies, has from late occurrences been made the mark of some public odium.

The bill to create this Indian Territorial Government, and otherwise to provide for the protection and security of the emigrant and other Indians west of the Mississippi was soon after taken on by the Senate. To day, the Bill has been told, and having found for himself that the bill required no Indians to be subject to the proposed government, who should not consent to become so by their tribe in council or by delegation, and that the Indian remonstrants had therefore no good reason for opposing the bill, Mr. Clay changed his design of moving its postponement, and became an advocate of the bill. Mr. White, Mr. Lipton, and Mr. Lumpkin were the most zealous and Mr. Sevier, Mr. Southard, and Mr. Linn, though his said laws, appeared equally zealous. Mr. Allen and Mr. Niles, I believe were its only unqualified opposers, though Mr. Calhoun expressed much doubt of its expediency, and would rather that the bill lay over for session. Mr. Norvell moved to strike out the provision for an Indian delegate to Congress, because he hoped, as he said, never to see the time when a negro or an Indian would have a seat on the floor of Congress—and I was somewhat surprised to see that this *liberal* remark met with no apparent favor from any quarter. Mr. Allen also spoke violently against the bill as a measure calculated to raise up a people who were the natural enemies of the whites, and thus do injury especially to posterity. The "raising up" was in fact the main argument used in favor of the bill, and Mr. A. found as little sympathy in his sentiments as Mr. Norvell.

Mr. King moved an amendment to the Bill, setting aside as Indian Territory to be secured to them forever, all that portion of country, more than equal in size, as was said to the twenty-six states, which lies east of the Rocky Mountains, north of the Missouri, north and west of the State of Missouri, and west of the Mississippi, except a small tract to which the Indian title had been extinguished. Matters for awhile looked a little usually on this motion, as it was made with an avowed purpose of helping the balance of power between the north and the South. There were some warm words on both sides; but Mr. Southard gave the death blow to the proposition by showing that much the greater part of the Territory already set aside for the Indians, was north of Mason and Dixon's line. The amendment was lost yeas 11, nays 32; and the Bill was carried by yeas 26, nays 6.

The House has been almost wholly engaged on the large report of the Committee on the late duel, a miserable concern throughout, but in the end as bad in its beginning. The subject is still under a tedious, and as it appears to me, a worse than useless discussion.

Horse racing is at this time almost taking the precedence of legislation, and I am not one of the reporters for that concern.

North Carolina Copper Ore.—We have just been shown specimens of Copper Ore from the Harlan Copper Mine in Guilford county, North Carolina, that are most beautiful, and may be seen at the office of M. P. G. Hern, corner of Wall and Nassau streets. We understand it has been worked successfully for several years for gold, and recently for copper. The specimens spoken of above come from an opening to the depth of 110 feet, and consist of the Yellow Pyrites, or as it is commonly called "Yellow Copper Ore," yielding upon analysis from 31 to 33 per cent of metallic copper.

The mine, as far as it has been worked, presents an extensive mass or vein of this rich and beautiful ore, from 5 to 12 feet in thickness. The workings are opened to the extent of 6 or 700 ft. on the direction of the vein. Competent judges accustomed to mining in England have recently visited this mine, and pronounce it equal in value for the extent of the opening to any in Europe or the world. They represent that all the indications are in accordance with the best mines of England. They find the same kind of primary and secondary formation in this mine, that uniformly characterizes the richest deposits, which is blue and white slate, commonly called *keels* by the miners of Cornwall—and we have every reason to believe that copper mines found of this description, will be as enduring as mines in the same formation of England. We are happy to state that a company of enterprising individuals have purchased this valuable estate, with the determination of developing its resources forthwith. A large quantity of the ore has already been mined and brought to the surface, and is now on its way to England, where it will find a ready market. We can only say we wish them success.—*N. Y. Evg. Star.*

NUMBER OF BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The number of Banks in the United States on December last, it appears by the report, was 704. Their aggregate capital, $290,772,091; their specie, $37,915,340; circulation, $149,185,120; deposits, $127,267,189.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.

An immense meeting of working-men and citizens generally, took place on Monday evening last, at the County Court House, in this city, to express the popular voice in relation to a resumption of specie payments.

But a small part of those who wished to attend could get in—one sentiment seemed to pervade the vast assemblage.

The preamble to the resolutions alludes to the causes of the stoppage in Philadelphia, on the 11th May last, as stated by the Banks at that time—"that the New York Banks had stopped paying specie, and the Philadelphia Banks were *therefore* compelled to follow, or they would be drained"—that now the New York Banks have resumed, the reason given by our Banks no longer exists.

A resolution protests against the illegal currency, issued by the different corporations and loan companies. Another that they are opposed to a National Bank, under any name.

The following form a part of the resolutions:

Resolved, That we disclaim any wish to make any invidious allusions to either of the Banking establishments of this city, but we are nevertheless constrained by a sense of truth and justice to declare, as the deliberate opinion of this meeting, that nothing but the influence of the United States Bank exercised over the other Banks, prevents them from redeeming their promises to pay. And it is for them to satisfy the public, why they permit an institution thus to lord it over them, and abstract five or six millions of their capital to invest in foreign speculation for which but four per cent. is paid during the suspension, when upon a resumption of specie payments six per cent. can be obtained. Besides, the banks are legally and morally bound to contract their issues, gather up their resources, husband all their means, strain every nerve, and make all reasonable sacrifices for an early resumption; and if the small banks expect to retain any portion of the confidence of the people, they must renounce their allegiance to an institution which is alike destructive to them and the best interests of the public, and acknowledge fealty to that public, by giving some demonstration that they are not conniving with her in torturing the people into an acquiescence of the renewal of its charter by the National Legislature.

Resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed by the chair to correspond with the banks of the city and county, and request a reply from each, at what time they intend to resume, and the causes which retard the resumption.

Resolved, That we hold a town meeting in Independence square, on Monday afternoon, 14th of May, at 4 o'clock, the 11th being the anniversary of the suspension—we allow three days bank grace—to hear the report of the committee and adopt such other measures as will suggest themselves upon the course the banks pursue, and that the committee have power to make all the arrangements.

THE PLUNDERERS OF THE PEOPLE.

We extract from the proceedings in Congress a speech giving a curious item of one of the expenses of government. It helps to elucidate the reason of the great increase in expense of the last and present administration to 30 *millions* annually from twelve millions, at which time a great cry of "extravagance and reform" extended from one extreme of the country to the other. The salary of the Secretary of the Treasury is $6,000 a year, but he can increase it indefinitely in the shape of *perquisites*.

Thursday, April 19, 1838.

The House having resumed the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Hopkins, to dispense with the employment for all concerned with the public press.

Mr. Wise rose to address the House, and said that from the report in the papers of this morning of the amendment offered yesterday by his colleague, (Mr. Dromgoole,) he perceived what he was aware of yesterday, that that amendment embraced an inquiry into the expenses of the two investigating committees instituted at the last session, to inquire into the corruptions of the Government, and Mr. Wise for one, and as the author of that investigation, and I am proud of being the author of it, am perfectly willing that such an inquiry should be made. I can, however, inform my colleague that he can very up by the firmen, to prevent, if possible, its further progress, but all in vain. Human exertions seemed to be paralyzed by the fury of the all-consuming flames. *Upwards of fifty lives have been lost.*—The damage already has been estimated at nine millions of dollars—but *the fire is still raging*, and it is to be feared, will prove too difficult a task for him to render them unpopular and odious. I hope he will think better of the attempt. I hope he will lend his assistance to the gentleman from Kentucky, in setting on foot an inquiry into all the doings of the administration. As to the expenses of those committees, it is a drop in the bucket. Why do gentlemen hesitate? Why will they busy themselves with petty matters of this calibre, and refuse an investigation of so much greater importance? But, let them make their inquiry into the cost of those committees. I aver that those committees of investigation did more good to the country than this administration has effected in eight years.

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Awful Conflagration.

CHARLESTON CITY IN RUINS.

We have more sad news to communicate to our readers this week. The city of Charleston has been visited with an awful and most destructive fire.

A slip from the office of the Augusta Chronicle dated April 28th, 6 P. M. furnishes the following particulars:

"We learn with the deepest regret, by passengers from Charleston, who arrived here this evening by the Carolina Railroad, that the city of Charleston has been visited by one of the most awful and destructive fires that has ever visited any city in the United States. *One third of the city was laid in ashes* at the departure of the cars this morning at 6 o'clock, and the fire was raging as if it would consume at least one third more.

The fire broke out last night at a quarter past 8 o'clock, in a paint store, on the western side of King st. corner of Beresford street. The wind blowing strongly from the south west, blew the flames diagonally across King street, and at the time of the departure of the cars, the whole section of the city above Beresford street, up to Society street, and east of King street, to the Bay, was burnt down or burning. From Beresford to Society are four streets—from King street to the Bay about as many, or perhaps more. The fire had also extended four or five blocks west of King street, and was still pressing with terrific rapidity up that street in the direction of Boundary street, when the cars left. Our informant believes it impossible to calculate what will be the ultimate extent of the fire, as it seemed in no way checked at 6 o'clock this morning.

Among the buildings consumed are a number of churches, the new theatre, the splendid new hotel recently erected, and the whole market except the fish market. Nearly all the large merchants, in the centre of business, on King street, were burnt out, among them Parish, Wiley & Co. and G. H. Kelsey & Co. Boream & Co. and all in that neighborhood, and the large storehouse of Miller, Ripley & Co. on the corner of King and Society streets, was catching the flames when our informant left. The Merchants' Hotel formerly Mott's, had not caught, but it was believed to be impossible to save it. At Norris's Hotel, still higher up King street, and on the west side they had removed all the furniture and bedding, in almost certain anticipation of being burnt out.

A large number of houses had been blown up, to no purpose. All the powder in the city was exhausted, and all the water in the pumps; the people, wearied with a whole night's incessant and unavailing toil, found themselves, this morning, able to make a feeble resistance to the still raging and devouring flames. A number of persons had been killed by the blowing up of houses and throwing furniture into the streets. The steamboat Neptune, lying in the Bay, caught on fire, but it was fortunately extinguished.

The trunks directed to this office and to the Constitutionalist office, from the newspaper offices in Charleston, failed to come this evening, as we presume no papers were printed there last night; and as the regular mail was closed last night before the fire broke out, no other information has been received here than that from passengers, which is necessarily limited as to particulars.

This is indeed a mournful catastrophe! A flourishing city laid in ashes, her people burnt out of home and substance, and millions of property destroyed in a single night! The Insurance Companies of Charleston, we learn, are of small capitals, and will every one no doubt, be ruined, and still be unable to make good but a small portion of the losses. Hundreds of families must be utterly ruined by this general calamity. Years cannot make Charleston what she was.

P. S.—Since the above was written, we have been shown a letter from Charleston, closed a little before 4 o clock this morning, and brought up by a passenger, which confirms all the important facts stated above. It also states that the rigging of many of the vessels lying at the wharves had been burnt.

The Great Fire at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, (S. C.) April 28, 1838.

One-third of the city of Charleston lies in ruins, by the most awful conflagration that ever I witnessed. The fire commenced in a baker's shop in Beresford street, which ignited an adjoining paint shop, and spread with fearful rapidity (the wind being strong from the southward) along King street to Market street, and a mile past it, consuming every thing in its way. Many houses were blown up by the firemen, to prevent, if possible, its further progress, but all in vain. Human exertions seemed to be paralyzed by the fury of the all-consuming flames. *Upwards of fifty lives have been lost.*—The damage already has been estimated at nine millions of dollars—but *the fire is still raging*, and it is to be feared, will prove too difficult a task for him to render them unpopular and odious. I hope he will think better of the attempt. I hope he will lend his assistance to the gentleman from Kentucky, in setting on foot an inquiry into all the doings of the administration. As to the expenses of those committees, it is a drop in the bucket. Why do gentlemen hesitate? Why will they busy themselves with petty matters of this calibre, and refuse an investigation of so much greater importance? But, let them make their inquiry into the cost of those committees. I aver that those committees of investigation did more good to the country than this administration has effected in eight years.

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RECEIPTS BY MAIL.

April 27, received from
Lancaster Journal, $6.00
J. R. Queenan, 10.00
David Barr, Esq. 4.00
Stephen Sayre, esq. 3.00
April 28.
J. M. Campbell, esq. 55.00
J. D. Murrell, Esq. 10.00
James McAlister, 5.00
Thos. H. Wiley, net, 4.50
Enos D. Granger, 2.00
Chas. J. Burrowes, to 50
Wm Howell, present, 4.00
20 per cent. discount, $1.
J. B. Kinkead, Esq. 10.00
O. E. Shepard, Esq. 2.00
April 30.
Brooks & Shields, 2.00
Platt Adams, Esq. 10.00
M. Peters, Esq. 4.00
Abner Hendee, E. q. 1.00
Wm. Smith, Esq. 4.00
M. Whitmarsh, Esq. 4.00
Rob't J. Chester, esq. 5.00
Robert Dick, Esq. 5.00
H. Smith, 4.00
T. Stringfellow, nett, 4.80
Alab. notes 50 per ct. dis.
John W. Holland, 5.00
H. Luther, Esq. 2.00
Phila Housekeeper, net 2.00
Wm. S. Lippincott, esq 2.00
Lewis Miller, 4.00
May 2.
Joshua Russell, Esq. 8.00
John Farley, Esq. 4.00
Adam Winans, Esq. 2.00
John Armstrong, esq. 1.25
Wm. Pence & Son, 1.00
Geo. Moses, Esq. 1.25
Ed'd Shoemberger, net, 2.51
ex. post. and disc't 49 cts.
Wm. Little, Esq. 7.00
Wm. M. Richards, 15.00
May 3.
A. M. Tucker, 2.00
Ann Maria Crane, net 1.60
Lumberman's Bank, 50
per cent discount.

Letters to our address refused this week, lying in the Post Office, postage unpaid.

From Newton, Geo. April 17, from N. Norwich, N. Y. April 20, from Cahorne, Alab. April 21, from Richmond, Va. from Guilford, N. Y. April 28, from Whalen's Store, N. Y. from Frankfort, Ky. April 24, from Easton, O., marked "business letter—double," an imposition, a mere old worthless paper enclosed, supposed to be from John Farlow, a knavish delinquent.

PRICES OF STOCKS.

This week at the Stock and Exch. Board of Brokers

			price sold for	per.
538	shares	United States Bank,	117a119	100
25	do.	Philadelphia Bank,	101	100
223	do.	Girard Bank,	50½a51¼	50
99	do.	Mechanics Bank,	50a52	50
1	do.	Pennsylvania Bank,	65	400
5	do.	Western Bank,	54½	50
50	do.	Schuylkill Bank,	51	50
505	do.	Kentucky Bank,	84½a85½	
661	do.	Yorkshire Bank, Miss	74½a75	
40	do.	Commercial Bank Natchez,	85	100
132	do.	Northern Bank, Ky.	71a72	100
30	do.	Com. Bank Cincinnati,	91	100
30	do.	Union Bank, Tenn.	91	100
20	do.	Planters Bank, Tenn.	92	100
45	do.	Mer. & Man. Bank Pittsb'rg,	52	50
75	do.	Exchange,	38	40
25	do.	N. Orleans Gas Co.	17½	
7	do.	Schuylkill Nav. Co.	16½	50
27	do.	Wilmington & Susque. R. R.	45½	50
75	do.	Lehigh Coal & N. Co.	21¼a22	
200	do.	Del. & Hudson Canal Co.	27	100
70	do.	Beaver Meadow R. R	48½	50
51	do.	Schuyl Permanent Bridge,	12½	
27	do.	Lehigh Coal & Nav. Co.	21	50

Philadelphia Wholesale Prices.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 3

ASHES		Jala Ca	33
Pot, cwt	5 00	5 25	Southern do	34
Pearl, do	5 25	5 00	Barley Eastern	1 00
BUTTER			John Pa	55
Pitts. lb	12½	13	MOLASSES	
Extra keg			New Orleans	36
No. 1		13	Sugar-boiled	
No. 2		12½	do N. York	47
CANDLES			do Philada	48
Sperm	32	34	do Steam	35
Mould tallow	11	11	Frontiné	33
Dip	12	12½	Porto Rico	34
COAL			East French Isl.	
Lehigh, ton	5 50	6 00	Hav & Matanzas	32
Schuylkill	5 50	6 00	MACKEREL	
COFFEE, duty free			No 1 tot.	11 50
Rio	9½	10	No 2	9 25
Maracaybo	10½	11	No 3	5 75
Java	12	14	OIL	
St. Domingo	9½	10	Linseed, Am. from	
Porto Rico	10½	12	store	70
Cuba	10	11	do Dutch	1 10
Laguira	10½	11	Whale, crude	35
Rio	10	12½	Sperm, winter	1 60
COTTON duty free per lb			do spermaceti	65
Orleans, common	6½	7	PLASTER PARIS	
Middle	10½	11	In bulk per ton	2 25
N. Ala and Tenn.	10	11	In Schuylkill	3 25
Upland Geo.	9½	10	RICE lb	
N. C. and Va.	9	11½	Clean, bush. 6 00	7
FREIGHTS			Flaxseed	1 50
To Liverpool, per cwt			Timothy, bush. 2 50	3
cotton	30		Herds grass	50
FLOUR and MEAL			Orchard grass	1
Superfine, bbl	7 50	8 00	WHISKEY	
Fine	7 00		Rye in hhds	30
Middling	6 50		do in bbls	27
Corn meal	4 75	5 00	do from wagons	27
Corn Meal	3 37½		WOOL	
do in bbls	3 50	4 00	From Sunny Beach	
GRAIN			lb	48
Rye Pa.	92	95	Am. wash. fin'd bl'd	43
Rye Southern	92	95	do fine	42
Wheat Pa.	1 02	1 05	do fulloed	37½
Do South bag	98	1 02	do 4 and coarse	33
Corn Pa.	57	58	Pulled Lambs	43
do L.C. yellow	59	62	No. 1 do	39
do U.C. mixed	59	62		

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MAY. 1838.	SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	HIGH WATER.	MOON'S PHASES.
5 Sunday.	5 3	6 57	11 11		
6 Monday.	5 2	6 58	11 51		
7 Monday	5 1	6 59	12 35		D. H. M.
8 Tuesday.	5 0	7 0	1 24	1	Full 9 9 6
9 Wednesday.	4 59	7 1	2 16	2	Last 16 4 41
10 Thursday.	4 58	7 2	3 11	3	New 23 11 32
11 Friday.	4 57	7 3	4 12	4	1st Q. 31 4 17
12 Saturday.	4 56	7 4	5 16	5	

MARRIAGES.

On Tuesday evening, May 1st, by the Rev. Joseph Rushing, Mr. CHARLES GIRD BARRETT, to Miss CYNTHIA ANN SNYDER, all of this city.

On the 1st inst. by the Rev. Joseph H. Kennard, Mr. HIRAM COBURN, of Delaware Co. to Miss MARY ANN VANDERFLEET, of Norristown.

On the 26th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Ely, Mr. ELI HALL, to Mr. MORDECAI GEST, both of Kensington.

On Thursday, 26th ult. by the Rev. P. F. Mayer, WILLIAM BROWN, to ELIZABETH LOWNES, daughter of William Rushie, Esq.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult. at the residence of Mr. Hamilton, by the Rev. Mr. Wm. R. De Witt, Mr. CHARLES GILMORE, Esq. of Butler, Pa. to Miss RACHEL R. daughter of the late Judge Tod.

On Thursday evening, 26th ult. by the Rev. J. Pedian, Mr. EVAN BAILEY, to Miss ELIZA ANN TAYLOR, all of this city.

On Monday afternoon, 30th ult. at the house of Col. R. H. Bettle, by Alderman Freeman Sen. Mr. WILLIAM H. TIRKMAN, to Miss ANN M. SIBLEY, all of Philadelphia.

In Tioga County, Southwick, on the 28th ult. by the Rev. M

The Olio.

Variety is the spice of Life,
That gives it all its flavour.

ON MAY DAY.

BY LELIE.

Beautiful and radiant May,
Is not this thy loyal day?
Is not this spring lovely
Held in honour, queen of thee?
'Tis a fair; the booths are gay,
With honor bedecked and quaint display;
Glances, where the maiden's eye
May not own sweet face say;
Ribands for her braided hair,
Balls to grace her bosom fair;
From you stand the juggler plays
With the rustic crowd's amaze;
There the merry-dancers stand,
Chief bells ringing on each hand;
Here the Maypole rears its crest,
With the rose and hawthorn dress;
And bands are planted beside
Of strange beasts from other lands.
In the midst, like the young queen,
Flower-crowned, of the total gaiety,
In a bright-cheeked girl, her eye
Blue, like April's morning sky,
With a blush, like what the rose
To her moonlight minstrel shows;
Laughing at her love the while,—
Yet such coiffure as the smile,
As the sweet coquette would hide
Woman's love by woman's pride.
Farewell, cities! who could bear
All their smoke and all their care,
All their pomp, when wooed away
By the azure hours of May?
Give me woodbine, scented bowers
Blue wreaths of the spring flowers,
Clear sky, fresh air, sweet birds, and trees,
Sights and sounds, and scenes like these!

A smoky house, an unfaithful servant, a stumbling horse, a scolding wife, an empty purse, an undutiful child, an aching tooth, an incessant tattler, bugs that break through an enclosure, a dull razor, a pimpled face, a butting ram, and a fop, are thirteen of the greatest plagues of the present day.

A countryman on the point of matrimony, not understanding the new marriage act, complained thereof to the magistrate, who said to him—"Why, dead with sense. Not understand it? why you must be quite a fool. No, I don't quite, but I be very near one.

A lady some time since, advertised a boarding school; and in the course of the advertisement she used the expression of—"and teach the young idea how to shoot." An honest countryman, having two daughters whom he wished adorned with a city education, called on the lady, and wide conversing with her on terms, &c. said—"Well I wants my gals to have a real substantial education none of your dashing and hanging (meaning painting and music) except to hang sheep and harrow wheat; no, no, I want 'em teaching young gals how to shoot, as you say, I have no notion on it at all!"

QUACKERY.—Dr. F——, a physician of Montpelier, was in the habit of employing a very ingenious artifice. When he came to a town where he was not known, he pretended to have lost his dog, and ordered the public crier to offer, with beat of drum, a reward of twenty five louis to whoever should bring it to him. The crier took care to mention all the titles and academic honors of the doctor, as well as his place of residence. He soon became the talk of the town. "Do you know, man, one, that a famous physician is to come here, a very clever fellow; he must be very rich, for he offers twenty-five louis for finding his dog." The dog was not found, but patients were.

SHOTS.—A Scotchman, giving evidence at the bar of the House of Lords, on the affair of Captain Porteous, and telling of the variety of shots which were fired upon that unhappy occasion, was asked, by the Duke of Newcastle what kind of shot it was. "Why," said the man in his broad dialect, "such as they shoot fools (fowls) with, and the like." "What kind of fowls?" said the Duke, smiling at the word. "Why, my lord, dukes, (ducks) and sic kin' o' fowls."

ANECDOTE OF SKELLINE THE VENTRILOQUIST.—Some four years since while in the Old Dominion, Mr. S. was present on a particular occasion at a convivial evening party, when among other topics, a discussion arose concerning bravery, the last remarking that he had a servant (a negro) who always displayed the most extraordinary courage, under whatever circumstances he might be placed, had he the permission of the company would put it to the test.

To do this he ordered the negro to go to an outhouse a short distance from the house where there was a number of coffins, open, the lid alone, detach the leg from the body, and bring it to him.

At the appointed hour, 11 o'clock, he repair to the vault, and while plying the lid of the first coffin, a sepulchral voice, apparently proceeding from the coffin, saying, "don't take away my head!" "De debel!" exclaimed the negro, jumping from the coffin. Recovering his presence of mind, he proceeded to another, when the same entreaty met his ear. Leaping from the lid of the second, he went on to each in rotation; when coming to the last, he seized the head and suddenly detaching it, exclaimed, "Massa sent me arter one of you, and I mus' get you quetly, I hab you any how!" Upon this the vault shriek'd, he was about proceeding to the house, when to his astonishment a figure in white rushed after him demanding its head. Not daring to answer, he increased his speed, followed by the figure, twitched into the midst of the company, laid down the head, exclaiming, "dare massa be de head but de body be waiting for him at de door." Mr. Skelline entered, and disturbing himself on the sheet, acknowledged himself for once defeated.

A YANKEE WAY OF TELLING A STORY. (A Scene in Court.) Counsel: Well, what do you know of this matter? Witness: I know a heap. Counsel: What you saw. Witness: I was going along the road with my team, and come up where Dickers and Grub were taking down a pair of bars, stopped and asked Grub a question, when out come Marm Jones, out of her house with a rolling-pin and hit Dickers a dig in his ribs. Counsel: What was the cause of her striking him? Witness: I do no unless it was 'cause he wagitten down the bars. Counsel: Well what took place then? go on with your story. Witness: When she hit him, Dickers up and give her a longer right in the mouth, for says he, I don't be licked by a woman no how; waiters she, I don't be puckered-puggled as that no how! Then out he Counsel: What is that word? I dont understan. Witness: Puckered-puggled (a laugh) Counsel. What does that mean? Witness: Why, consumed, a louder laugh) Counsel. Please to explain yourself, what does that mean? Witness: Why as I understand it, she didn't like the feelin of that dab in the chops, so she gin him a piece of her mind on the subject. Counsel: Go on. Witness: After that they slat round mighty pretty for a considerable spell. Then they stopped a minute, and begun to jaw—says she, I ain't goin' to be skeert. After they stood and jawed a spell, Joe Hines come up and axed Dickery what he was doin to Marm Jones. He said he was sendin off her darned old rolling pin. Then the old woman said it went a rollin pin, that she could substantiate. And then they started a spell, and did my a considerable talk among um, so they didn't tackle agin—and that's all I know about it.

A SHARP SHOOTER.—A correspondent of the N. Y. Gazette tells the following tough story of a marksman in that city.

"There resides in Front street, a gentleman, who in Castle Garden, fired a ball from a rifle at sixty yards distance, into the centre, and in a successive shot, another ball on to the other so as to fasten them together. The same at the Thatched Cottage, Jersey City, and made a trifling wager of 50 to 1, that he would, with a duelling pistol, shoot off the size of a dollar, at 15 yards distance. He hit the exact centre, and the edge traced with a penknife, the centre could not have been cut out more perfectly. He also hit a tilting card 13 times in 15 shots, and in pieces. He has killed at sea twelve Stormy Petrels in 14 shots; the size of the body of this bird is so small that it is compared by many that it is impossible to hit it. The sailors were very superstitious regarding this bird, and many viewed their destruction with fear.

FILLING VACANCIES.—A farmer having settled in a country village on a little farm, gained the esteem of the whole neighborhood. The first year was hardly expired ere he lost a fine cow, which was by much the best of all his cattle, and he was extremely mortified at it, but this was nothing to the grief which he felt a short time afterwards, when death also took away his wife. His neighbors thought they were obliged to comfort him. "Honest neighbor, sad news of them, "do not afflict yourself: the wife you have lost was a good one, it is true, but there is no good to be had! I have three daughters for my part, take your choice of them." "Lord have mercy upon us!" replied the farmer, "it is better to love one's wife than one's cow. My wife is hardly three hours dead, and here are half a dozen people already offering to supply her place for me! but when my cow died, not a soul spoke of giving me another." *Morphide Mole.*

From Blackwood's New Magazine.

SCHOLASTIC EPISTLE FOR THE HOLYDAYS.

To Solon Sly, Esq. My dear Sir:—The approaching vacation devolves on me the pleasing duty of reporting to you, by the hands of Master Timothy, the general progress of his studies. In some respects, his extraordinary precocity has even exceeded my wishes. I have directed his reading principally to Biography, and his avidity has led him to add to my selection the lives of Turpin and Moore Carew, together with the instructive narratives of the Newgate Calendar. His progress in penmanship has been so great that he has not only written all his own letters, but many of his school fellows, to which the veracity of his genius has led him to append their names, so accurately as to enable him to obtain from their parents, with the help of a post boy, a considerable addition to his pocket money. I have cleaned up a few of these little shades of character which have been brought to light, as you will perceive at the foot of my bill. In Arithmetic, Subtraction has been his favorite rule, as all the drawers in the house can testify. He has also worked some complicate sums of Vulgar Fractions, and proved them by the glazier's bill inclosed. His skill in Division has also been displayed in his setting all the school together by the ears. In Composition, his future is romance and general fiction; indeed, his conversation is as flowery a nature, as to have been compared to a wreath of lilies of our race; he greatly improved his acquaintance with the Greeks—Latin, of course, included—and my servants picked him up at midnight, hard encountering at length, on the Turnpike road. He has progressed in Logic, though rather addicted to strange premises, which may lead to serious conclusions. He has become an accomplished natural philosopher. His pursuit of Ornithology has led him to every hen roost in the village, and all my eggs have been constantly exhausted in his experiments on suction. During his inquiries into nature of animal heat, my favorite cat caught a severe cold, from which she never recovered, through his turning her out without her skin on a frosty night. I have inserted a small item from my surgeon's bill, for repairs of his companions bones, damaged by his passion for Conchology; and a charge, which I fear you will think heavy, for a skylight, destroyed by Master Timothy's falling through, while crawling along the parapet on a dark night to seek some information at my gardener's daughter's window—an extraordinary instance of the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties. As I do not feel competent, however, to do justice to the education of so talented a youth I shall not expect to see Master Timothy again after the holy-days. I am, my dear sir, your faithful servant. BARNABAS BOMBASUS.

A great sensation has been created in London by a horrible circumstance that has recently occurred. A young man, named Allison, and a girl of 17, with whom he cohabited, agreed to take poison, as they could not find the means of subsistence. They swallowed laudanum, of which the girl died, but the young man survived. He was brought before one of the police offices, where it was charged that he and the deceased, having resolved to die together, had swallowed equal portions of laudanum for that purpose, but he was made sick by the opium, which the woman had thus escaped with life, while the deceased perished. The officer stated that he had, on searching the prisoner, found on him a paper containing what he had written within the last twenty-four hours. "Oh, poverty, poverty! no death, if not make any one do!" Death is better than starvation—ten times better than to linger on a painful miserable existence, and at last to die of starvation, while those who ought to relieve us are rolling in wealth. Is it to be wondered at that we starving creatures should prefer death to life on such terms? No! death is better of the two—to die in each other's arms—to sleep in death. Oh! God, thou knowest I did not kill her. Oh! my dear Emma, would to God I had gone with you! Oh! God, thou alone who knowest the inmost secrets of our hearts, look down with mercy upon a poor penitent sinner. Grant that the eyes of my persecutors may be opened, and that they may show mercy towards me, for God alone knowest that I did not administer anything to my poor loving Emma. Oh, God, I loved her too well to injure her. Have mercy upon me now! I have not a friend in the world. Would that I had died in thy arms as we intended." He was committed to Newgate to take his trial for murder.

From Military Life in India.

THE HORRIBLE SUPERSTITIONS OF THE EAST.

While I was at Cansura, the Hindu festival of Churruk-puja was celebrated on the 12th and 13th of April. It is on this occasion *an* religious enthusiasts are swung by hooks fixed in their flesh; a barbarity that has been frequently a theme for discussion. As the spot appropriated for this purpose was within half a mile of the barracks, and I had never before witnessed the ceremony closely, I determined to be present on this occasion. Guided by the throng of native proceeding to the scene of action, I reached a small open space on the bank of the river, bounded by stone ghauts, and the garden wall of some dwelling houses of a superior description. A sort of fair was held in the neighborhood, at which spread for sale sweet meats, lackered warc, and toys of every description, and innumerable clay idols, and miniature figures of the different characters of the Hindu mythology. The area appointed for the exhibition, with all the surrounding walls, ghats, tops of houses, were crowded with natives, men, women, and children. A number of European soldiers were present, and, I blush to add, not a few of their wives, some of them young, and evinced a greatly their curiosity at this disgusting spectacle.

Several boats occupied by the more wealthy natives, crowded the river. In the area was erected two lofty poles about forty feet in height; across the top of each was laid a horizontal bar composed of bamboos bound firmly together; this bar revolved on a pivot, from either end of it, extended a rope, one to which the swinger was to be attached, the other for propelling the machine bar, the latter being of sufficient length to enable several men to lay on it. After considerable delay, amidst a terrific din of *tambons* and shouting, a man was brought out on the shoulders of his friends. He was a fit object for pity; lean and emaciated, filth beyond description; nearly naked; his face and body smeared with white and yellow ocre; his hair, of which he had an enormous quantity, twisted like a rope around his head, and within the twist, was fixed the representation of a Cabo di Capello rearing its head with expanded hood. The feet of this poor wretch were bound together by a cloth; a bandage was likewise fastened tightly round each leg above the knee. At the outedge of each bandage an iron hook four or five inches long was now passed through the flesh of each leg, but so managed as that the chief strain would be supporting the bars, should full upon a bandage in which the hooks caught after passing through the flesh; the hooks were each provided with a loop hole. A man hoisted on the bar, and passing it twice round the cloth connecting the sufferer's feet, he drew up his feet and attached it to the loops of the two hooks; thus the pressure or strain upon the hooks was lessened, first by the cloth round the leg near the point where the hook were introduced. The other end was now manned by eight or ten coolies, and the signal of readiness being given, they commenced racing round the upright pole, which soon gave the swinger an elevation of between 30 and 40 feet. The usual method is to be swung by the back; but this time, being an amateur exercise, perhaps better pad than the rest, hung without head down, the hooks in his legs.

Not seem to suffer but little, for he spoke frequently, and once or twice winced, when those who were propelling him flagged their exertions, urged to proceed. He continued swinging for upwards of five minutes when he was taken down and carried away. The man who succeeded him was swung in the ordinary manner. Two iron hooks were passed through the flesh of his back, between or a little below the shoulder blade. A stout cloth bandage was tied around the body across the chest, in which the hooks caught, and this supported about the whole weight of the person; still as he swung past me I observed that there was a strain upon the flesh drawn up and stretched from his back by the hooks. This man took up with him a hand pankah, with which he continued to fan himself with the greatest *nonchalance*, talking and joking as if very agreeably situated. He had a wallet over his shoulder, from which he now and then extracted *pan* fruit, &c., and threw it among the crowd by whom it was eagerly scrambled for. He remained up a longer time and was propelled with greater velocity than the other. It seemed astonishing that he could find breath to shout, or that he could for so long a time endure the pressure of the bandage upon his chest, even allowing for the support which he derived from the rapidity of his rotary motion through the air. I saw two others swing in the same way. They all appeared to be occupied in prayer for the first two or three revolutions, after which their attention was bestowed on the crowd of bystanders. It is truly a most disgusting and barbarous spectacle.

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CHESS.

This most ingenious and fascinating game is generally admitted to be of oriental origin, and its invention is ascribed to a period of the most remote antiquity; but the particular nation of the East in which, it had its first rise, and the epoch of its introduction into Europe, are both subjects of conjecture. It has been immemorially practised in Hindostan, and the legendary account of its discovery attributes it to a Queen of the Island of Ceylon, in what the Hindoos term the second age of the world; or, according to the chronology of Sir William Jones, about three thousand eight hundred years ago. The Persians acknowledge that they received the game from India; and these Chaucer, for whom the honor of the invention has been claimed, have themselves admitted, that it was not known to them until about one hundred and seventy years before the Christian æra; in the absence of better testimony, we must, therefore, assign it to the Hindoos.

The Chinese account of its origin, as detailed by Mr. Eyles Irwin, in the transactions of the Royal Irish Academy, from an ancient manuscript, is as follows:—"Three hundred and seventy years after the time of Confucius, Hung Cochee, King of the Kiangnan, sent an expedition into the Shensa country, under the command of a mandarin called Hemsing, in order to conquer the Hiongnoos. After one successful campaign, the soldiers were put into winter quarters, where, finding the weather much colder than they had been accustomed to, and being, besides, deprived of their wives and families, the army became impatient of their situation, and clamorous to return home. Hemsing, upon this, resolved in his mind the bad consequences of complying with their wishes; and the necessity of soothing his troops, and reconciling them to their position, appeared urgent, with a view to his operations the ensuing year. He was a man of genius as well as a good soldier; and, having contemplated for some time on the subject, he invented the game of Chess, as well for an amusement to labor in their vacant hours, as to inflame their military ardour, the game being wholly founded on the principles of war. The stratagem succeeded to his wish; the soldiery were delighted with the diversion, and forgot, in their daily contests for victory, the inconvenience of their post. In the spring, the general took the field again, and in a few months added the rich country of Shensi to the kingdom of Kiangnan, on which occasion Hung Cochee took the title of Emperor. That Hemsing may have introduced the game among his troops, and adapted it to their genius, is not improbable; but its resemblance to that of Hindostan, coupled with the date of the supposed invention, must deprive it of all title to originality. It should also be observed, that the Persians have a similar tradition, notwithstanding their admission of its greater antiquity in India.

Considering the complicated moves of the various pieces of which chess is composed, it seems incredible that the game, as now played, could have been invented at once; and of this we have a further proof in the fact, that, although the principles on which it is conducted are every where the same, the mode of playing is not universally similar. Of these variations a slight sketch, may not prove totally uninteresting.

The ancient Hindostans or game called *Chaturanga*, literally, the four numbers of an army, and sometimes *Chaturaji*, or the four rajahs—consists of four kings, each accompanied by a phaut, a horse, a boat, and four pawns, or foot soldiers, and is played by four persons, who command the two allied armies on each side. The elephant has the power of our queen, and the boat that of the bishop, except that it moves only one square at once; the horse advances like our pawn, but cannot claim an optional rank when arrived at the last line of the enemy's encroachments, only assuming that of the piece whose place he occupies. There are other minor variations from our game; but the chief deviation lies in the moves being determined by dice; thus, if a cinque be thrown, the king must be moved, if a quatre, the elephant; and if a trois, the horse. By this regulation the players are, indeed, placed more upon a level than when the moves are left to their discretion; but it baffles the science of the game, and deprives it of its greatest interest.

The Burmah game—an improvement on the former—is termed *Chit-tha-ren*, which signifies, indifferently, either generalissimo, or warfare; and the name seems to imply that it was derived from the Sanscrit *chu-tur-anga*. It is played by only two persons, and there are on each side a king, a general, two chariots, cavalry, and elephants, with the usual number of foot-soldiers, called pyns. The king has the common moves and powers, except that he cannot castle, and that the stale-mate is not admitted; the general moves diagonally, but only one square each time; the chariots and cavalry have powers similar to our castles and knights; the elephants have five powers, three of our bishops and two of our knights, and, moreover, the pyns are to be promoted by attaining certain positions, without arriving at the extreme line of the adversary's section. One material feature of this game is, that each party allowed to take in the neighborhood, arranges his pieces in their row, in whatever order he may think proper; a liberty which, undoubtedly, affords a greater semblance of a real battle than the ordinary mode.

In Ceylon, the game is termed *Choke-chouingk*, or the science of war. It is composed of a general, two counsellors, and the same number of harkots, of cavalry, of elephants, and of artillery, with the customary number of soldiers, the general moves, chariots, cavalry, and elephants, have respectively nearly the same moves and powers as the chief pieces in the Burmahan game; but the artillery have all the moves of our castle, with this difference in their power, that they can move over the piece directly opposed to them, and take that immediately in its rear; the soldiers advance one square each time, and take their antagonist transversely, to the right and left, instead of diagonally, but are not capable of promotion. Another striking peculiarity in the Chinese game, consists in a blank space being left in the centre of the board; this is intended to represent a trench, over which the light troops are supposed to pass on pontoons; or these not being presumed adequate to support the weight of elephants, they are reciprocally confined to their respective sections.

The Persian game, from which the modern European chess has been evidently derived, is called "Chatrunge," and comprises, on each side, a king, a vizier, two elephants, an equal number of cavalry and chariots; all of which have similar moves, and powers with our pieces, except that the king can neither castle nor be stale-mated, and that the vizier and the elephants, which represent our queen and bishops, can only move diagonally; the former one, and the latter two squares, each time. The pladaits, or pawns, differ only from ours in having but one square at first. The game is always opened by the vizier advancing one step in a direct line, preceded by its pawn, and is closed by the final surrender of the king, which is termed *schah-mat*.

Of these Asiatic games there are, besides, many other minute varieties; but this coincidence prevails among all, that the board invariably consists of sixty-four squares, and is not chequered. Some trifling deviations from the established rules have been also occasionally introduced into modern European chess. *Arch-chess* was played on a board with one hundred squares, besides two new pieces, styled the centurion and the decurion, and two additional pawns on each side. *Round-chess* was so named from the circular form of the board, which was divided into sixty-four parts of four circles; and the *Duke of Italiand's game* consisted of one hundred and sixty squares, with fourteen pawns, and as many pieces, on each side. The *German military game*, once much in vogue on the Continent, was played on one hundred and twenty squares, and was swung in the ordinary manner. Two iron hooks were passed through the flesh of his back, between or a little below the shoulder blade. A stout cloth bandage was tied around the body across the chest, in which the hooks caught, and this supported almost the whole weight of the person; still as he swung past me I observed that there was a strain upon the flesh drawn up and stretched from his back by the hooks. This man took up with him a hand pankah, with which he continued to fan himself with the greatest *nonchalance*, talking and joking as if very agreeably situated. He had a wallet over his shoulder, from which he now and then extracted *pan* fruit, &c., and threw it among the crowd by whom it was eagerly scrambled for. He remained up a longer time and was propelled with greater velocity than the other. It seemed astonishing that he could find breath to shout, or that he could for so long a time endure the pressure of the bandage upon his chest, even allowing for the support which he derived from the rapidity of his rotary motion through the air. I saw two others swing in the same way. They all appeared to be occupied in prayer for the first two or three revolutions, after which their attention was bestowed on the crowd of bystanders. It is truly a most disgusting and barbarous spectacle.

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